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## (U) CALIFORNIA

# (U) American Canyon - Man Arrested for Dropping Illegal Fireworks from Drone

(U) A man has been arrested for dropping ignited M-80 type explosive devices from his drone in California. According to the authorities, the culprit has been issued a misdemeanor citation for dangerous fireworks, and his drone confiscated for evidence. George Wise, 55, was arrested on 3 June after officers from the American Canyon Police Department (ACPD) traced a drone suspected of igniting illegal fireworks back to his house on Kilpatrick Street. The police said they had received many complaints of "large booms" possibly associated with illegal fireworks over the last few weeks. While responding to a similar complaint on 3 June at around 12:30 a.m., officers from the ACPD observed an airborne drone in the area and saw fireworks being ignited from it. Wise was arrested after he admitted to igniting M-80 type explosive devices from the drone.

SOURCE: 7 June 2022, DroneDJ

# (U) NATIONAL

## (U) Kansas – Woman Who Led ISIS Battalion Pleads Guilty to Terrorism Charge

(U) Topeka— A Kansas native who left the US more than a decade ago and later led an all-female battalion of Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) fighters pleaded guilty Tuesday to participating in a conspiracy to support terrorism, according to federal prosecutors. Allison Fluke-Ekren, 42, formerly of Topeka, pleaded guilty to a single felony charge during a hearing in the Eastern District of Virginia. In accepting a plea agreement, Fluke-Ekren admitted that she was once the leader of Khatiba Nusaybah, a female ISIS group tasked with defending ISIS interests in the Syrian city of Raqqa. Established sometime in 2016, the battalion members were instructed how to defend against enemies of ISIS. One of the aspirations of the group was to train fighters to sneak behind enemy positions with AK-47s and detonate explosives after ammunition ran out, according to court papers.

SOURCE: 08 June 2022, Kansas City Star

#### (U) Maryland – Armed Man Arrested Near Supreme Court Justice's Home

(U) Chevy Chase — A California man armed with a handgun, knife, and pepper spray was arrested early Wednesday morning near the Maryland home of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh, lawenforcement authorities said. The man told police he was there to kill Kavanaugh, who lives in Chevy Chase, a suburb just outside of Washington, DC according to authorities. He arrived near Kavanaugh's home in a taxi. Authorities said he was stopped near the residence, but not at it. Montgomery County Police Department did not immediately respond to media request for comment. A spokesman for the US Marshals Service said the agency was investigating.

SOURCE: 08 June 2022, CNBC

# (U) New York – Anti-Abortion Center Damaged by Arson

(U) Buffalo – Police are investigating a fire at an anti-abortion center in a Buffalo suburb early Tuesday as a likely arson, one the center's operators suspect is the work of women's rights extremists. The fire was reported at about 3 a.m. and left the building temporarily unusable. The perpetrators allegedly

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broke the two main windows in the reception area and the nurse's office and lit the fires. The Amherst police news release announcing the investigation did not include a suspected motive. The FBI declined to comment on whether it was involved in the arson investigation.

SOURCE: 08 June 2022, ABC News

# (U) Wisconsin - Man Accused of Killing Wisconsin Judge Dies in Hospital

(U) New Lisbon – A man accused of fatally shooting a retired Wisconsin judge and who had a list that included prominent national political figures died in a hospital, a state official said Tuesday. Douglas Uhde, 56, shot former Juneau County Circuit Judge John Roemer in Roemer's home in New Lisbon on Friday before shooting himself, authorities said. He was taken to a hospital where he had been on life support. The agency said that Uhde was declared brain-dead on Saturday morning and his body remained on life support until Tuesday morning to allow for organ donation. Uhde had an extensive criminal and prison record dating back at least two decades, including a case when he was sentenced by Roemer to six-years in prison on weapons charges. He was released from his last prison stint in April 2020.

SOURCE: 08 June 2022, AP

### (U) INTERNATIONAL

# (U) Germany – One Person Dead, Six Injured After Car Driven into Crowd

(U) Berlin – A car drove into a crowd of people in a busy shopping district in western Berlin on Wednesday, killing at least one woman and leaving six others with life-threatening injuries, authorities said. More than a dozen people in total were injured when the driver ploughed into people on Kurfuerstendamm avenue, near the landmark Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, at around 10:30 a.m. local time, according to the German capital's police and fire department. After slamming into the crowd, the small silver Renault careened toward Tauentzienstrasse, a tree-lined street popular with tourists, before crashing through a glass shop window. The driver, a 29-year-old German-Armenian national, was detained at the scene and is being questioned. Media reports indicate that police have found a confession letter within the vehicle.

SOURCE: 08 June 2022, CNN

#### (U) Iran – Train Derailment in East Iran Kills At Least 17, Injures 50

(U) Tabas – A passenger train partially derailed in eastern Iran early Wednesday, killing at least 17 people and injuring 50 more, including some critically, authorities said. The report said the number of casualties could rise, though initial details about the disaster involving a train reportedly carrying some 350 passengers remained unclear. Four of the seven cars in the train derailed in the early morning darkness near the desert city of Tabas, Iranian state television reported. Tabas is some 340 miles southeast of the capital, Tehran. Rescue teams with ambulances and helicopters had arrived in the remote area where communication is poor. Over a dozen people suffered critical injuries, with some transferred to local hospitals, officials said. Iranian media quoted the governor of Tabas, Ali Akbar Rahimi, as saying the crash killed at least 17 people and that the number of fatalities may rise as rescuers search the train cars.

SOURCE: 08 June 2022, NY Post

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